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TO: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: ARA - Terence A. Todman

Another Argentine Newspaper Director Arrested

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires informed the Department this afternoon that Robert Cox, Director of the English language daily Buenos Aires Herald, was arrested today. We do not know why the arrest took place, but the result is that two of the most respected liberal voices in Argentine journalism, Cox and Timerman of La Opinion, are now under arrest.

I am trying to reach Argentine Ambassador Aja Espil to make the following three points:

-- The Department is very concerned that two respected newspaper directors in Argentina are now under arrest.

-- These arrests could have a very adverse effect on U.S. public opinion.

-- I regret that we cannot sit down together to discuss recent Argentine developments, but I will be absent next week. I have asked Bill Luers to do so in my place.

We will inform the press, on an if asked basis, that we are in touch with the Argentine government concerning the recent arrests of Timerman and Cox.

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